personnel. In addition, during peak rush periods monitoring at important locations is also stepped up.

(d) There is no financial loss. However, it affects the Railways' image.

Arrears of expenditure on Railway Police by Maharashtra

582. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge recovery is pending as arrears of expenditure incurred on Railway Police by Maharashtra Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would pay arrears to Maharashtra Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Claims amounting to Rs. 26.50 crore only are outstanding for want of Accountant Generals (AG)'s Certificate and operation of unsanctioned posts by the State of Maharashtra, etc.

(c) The Railways have standing instructions to pay all clearly admissible bills.

Sanction to Railway Police posts

† 583. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not accorded sanction to 76 Railway Police posts created by Government of Maharashtra for Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when the sanction would be granted for the said 76 posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This *ex-post facto* sanction can not be given because of the fact that Maharashtra had increased the number of GRP personnel without the approval of the Railway Board.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.